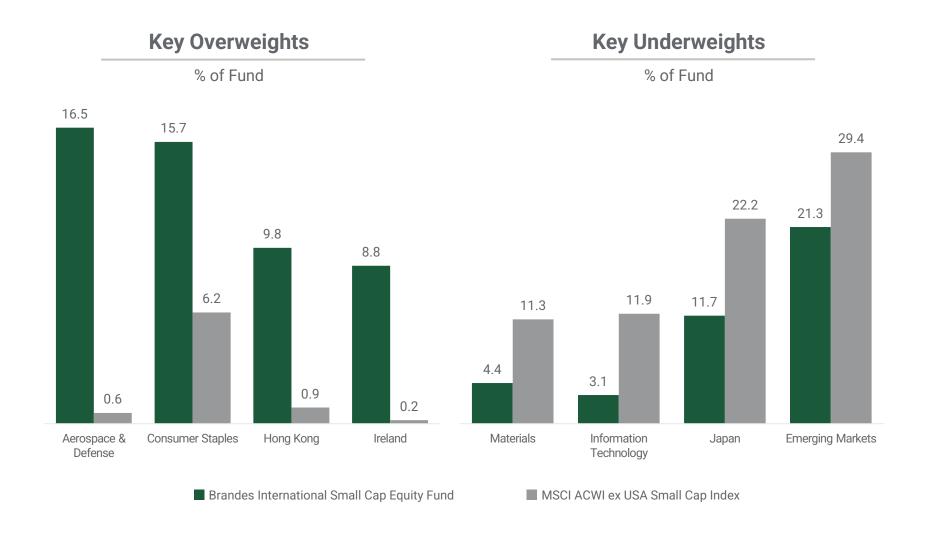




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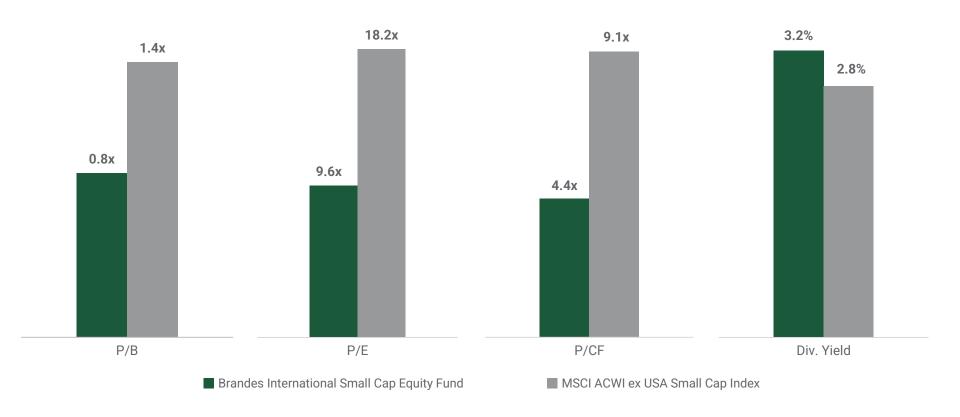
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## Select Differentials vs. Benchmark



# Fundamental Characteristics of Underlying Securities

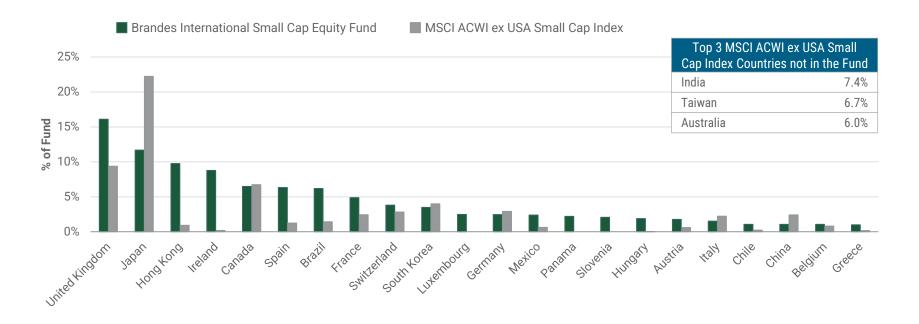
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SEC 30-DAY YIELD - SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED: CLASS I: 1.35%/1.34% CLASS A: 1.16%/1.16% CLASS R6: 1.41%/1.30%

AS OF MARCH 31, 2024 | Source: Bloomberg, MSCI. Fund holdings are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the investment manager. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Price/Book, Price/Cash Flow and Dividend Yield for each security provided by Bloomberg, L.P. Please note that Bloomberg does not provide negative numbers in the data feed. Index fundamentals are calculated from holdings data as provided by the relevant index or by FactSet Fundamentals, excluding negative numbers for consistency. Thus, index fundamentals calculated by Brandes may differ from those computed and published by index providers. The dividend yield is that of the securities held in the portfolio; it is not reflective of the yield distributed to shareholders. SEC 30-Day Yield: This calculation is based on a 30-day period ending on the last day of the month shown. It is computed by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the period by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. The yield figure reflects the dividends and interest earned during the period, after the deduction of the fund expenses. A subsidized yield takes into consideration the expenses paid by the Advisor. The declaration and payment of shareholder dividends are solely at the discretion of the issuer and are subject to change at any time.

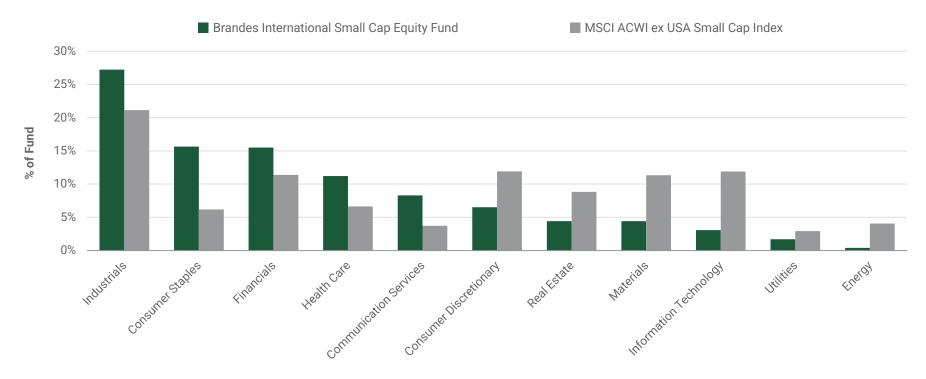
## **Country Exposure**



Regional Weightings	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
North America	2.5%	6.5%	+4.0%
Europe	50.6%	54.1%	+3.5%
Middle East	0.8%	0.0%	-0.8%
Asia	27.5%	26.0%	-1.5%
Latin America	17.8%	11.8%	-6.0%

Market Weightings	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Developed Markets	72.3%	77.1%	+4.8%
Emerging Markets	26.9%	21.3%	-5.6%
Cash	0.9%	1.6%	+0.7%

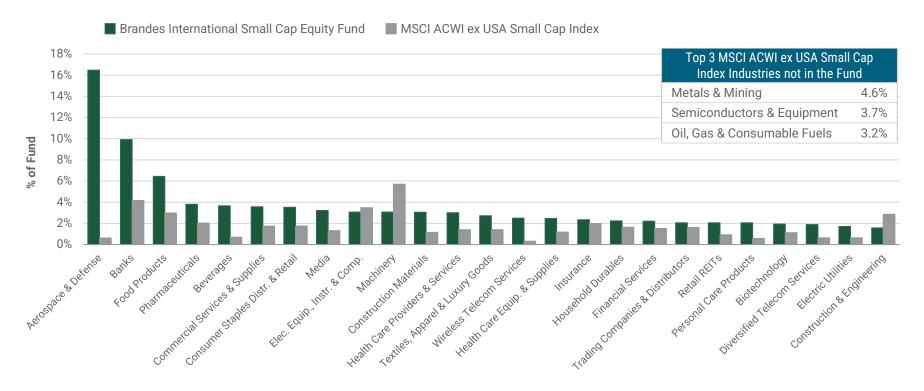
## **Sector Exposure**



Largest Sector Weighting Increases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Industrials	23.5%	27.2%	+3.7%
Health Care	9.8%	11.2%	+1.4%
Consumer Staples	14.5%	15.7%	+1.2%

Largest Sector Weighting Decreases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Materials	6.7%	4.4%	-2.3%
Real Estate	6.6%	4.4%	-2.2%
Utilities	3.9%	1.7%	-2.2%

# **Industry Exposure (Top 25)**



Largest Industry Weighting Increases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Aerospace & Defense	11.8%	16.5%	+4.7%
Health Care Providers & Services	0.0%	3.0%	+3.0%
Food Products	4.5%	6.4%	+1.9%

Largest Industry Weighting Decreases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Electric Utilities	3.9%	1.7%	-2.2%
Consumer Staples Distr. & Retail	5.5%	3.5%	-2.0%
Diversified REITs	2.5%	1.1%	-1.4%

# **Top Ten Holdings**

Company	%	Country	Industry
Embraer SA	5.54	Brazil	Aerospace & Defense
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	3.32	United Kingdom	Aerospace & Defense
PAX Global Technology Ltd	3.07	Hong Kong	Elec. Equip., Instr. & Comp.
C&C Group PLC	2.90	Ireland	Beverages
Yue Yuen Industrial Holdings Ltd	2.72	Hong Kong	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
AIB Group PLC	2.66	Ireland	Banks
J Sainsbury PLC	2.61	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples Distr. & Retail
Millicom International Cellular SA	2.49	Luxembourg	Wireless Telecom Services
Draegerwerk AG & Co KGaA	2.46	Germany	Health Care Equip. & Supplies
Greencore Group PLC	2.36	Ireland	Food Products
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	30.13		
	Total Number of Companies: 68		

# Performance<sup>1</sup> vs. Benchmark (%)

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**AS OF MARCH 31, 2024** | Source: Brandes, MSCI. ¹ Average Annual Total Returns. *Performance data quoted, calculated in USD, represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800.395.3807. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit operating expenses through January 28, 2025 (the "Expense Cap"). The Expense Caps may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days' notice to the Advisor, or by the Advisor with the consent of the Board. ¹ Indicates performance of the S&P Developed Ex U.S. SmallCap Index, the fund's previous benchmark, and the S&P Developed Ex U.S. SmallCap Value Index, from inception through 5/31/2007, and the performance of the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index and the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Value Index from 6/01/2007 to present.* 

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